



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5122***

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ON-LINE AND INTERNET VOTING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 (a) There is established a task force to study issues raised by the  
2 incorporation of on-line and Internet technologies in the voting  
3 process, including, but not limited to:
  - 4 (1) An analysis of the use of such technologies within existing  
5 voting systems and the need to collect, store and process electronically  
6 generated and transmitted digital messages in order to permit  
7 individuals to register to vote and vote, whether in person or through  
8 the use of absentee ballots;
  - 9 (2) The development and determination of appropriate security  
10 standards for voting systems that incorporate on-line and Internet  
11 technologies, including measures for certifying that the systems meet  
12 such standards; and
  - 13 (3) An analysis of the potential effects of using on-line and Internet  
14 technologies on voter participation rates, public accessibility to voting

15 systems, the influence of external communications on the voting  
16 process and other matters related to the conduct and administration of  
17 elections.

18 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

19 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
21 relating to elections;

22 (2) Two members appointed by the speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the  
24 Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut;

25 (3) Two members appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
26 Senate, one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut  
27 Conference of Municipalities;

28 (4) One member appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
29 Representatives;

30 (5) One member appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

31 (6) One member appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
32 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Town Clerks  
33 Association;

34 (7) One member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,  
35 who shall be a representative of the Council of Small Towns;

36 (8) The Secretary of the State, or the secretary's designee;

37 (9) The executive director of the State Elections Enforcement  
38 Commission, or the executive director's designee; and

39 (10) The Chief Information Officer of the Department of Information  
40 Technology, or the Chief Information Officer's designee.

41 (c) Any undesignated member of the task force appointed under  
42 subdivision (2), (3), (4) or (5) of subsection (b) of this section may be a  
43 member of the General Assembly.

44 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
45 thirty days after the effective date of this act. Any vacancy shall be  
46 filled by the appointing authority.

47 (e) The task force shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
48 among its members. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting  
49 of the task force that shall be held no later than sixty days after the  
50 effective date of this act.

51 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
52 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections  
53 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

54 (g) Not later than January 1, 2002, the task force shall submit a  
55 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
56 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
57 relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
58 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
59 submits such report or January 1, 2002, whichever is earlier.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require a study of issues raised by the incorporation of on-line and Internet technologies in the voting process.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*